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## Special Features . . .

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- ★ "Armstrongism" - A Warning! . . . . . Dr. Robert T. Ketcham



## O.A.R.B.C. Fall Conference

The 40th Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will meet in the Memorial Baptist Church, 2435 Eakin Road, Columbus, Ohio — Monday through Wednesday, October 16-18. The opening service will be on Monday at 3:00 p.m.

This will be the third Annual Meeting of our O.A.R.B.C. in the Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus in the past fifteen years. Since the last meeting at Memorial Baptist (1956) the church has relocated in the fashionable southwestern suburbs. The former property was purchased by the State of Ohio to make way for the I-71 Expressway which goes through the heart of the city.

The church was unanimous in its decision to extend an invitation to all Ohio Regular Baptists to make use of its facilities for the Conference. Everything possible is being done to make the messengers happy and comfortable. The host church will be assisted by other sister churches in the Columbus area in providing accommodations and helping to make your stay in our State's Capital an enjoyable one.

Memorial Baptist Church is located one mile west of State routes 62 and 3 on Eakin Road. Those traveling from the North or South on I-71 should get off at the Mound Street exit and go west on Mound to South Wayne Avenue and turn left to Eakin. Others coming from the East or West using Route 40 may find Eakin Road by using Hague Avenue — South off 40.

A local Accommodations Committee is handling all requests for free lodging. *These should be in the hands of the Committee as soon as possible!* Send all such requests to the host pastor, Rev. Vernon Billington, in care of the church. Those wishing to stay in motels or hotels will find many from which to choose. Lists of places to stay and eat will be made available at the Conference.

We are expecting the Lord to bless in a mighty way, so don't miss out on these days of refreshing!

OUR FRONT COVER tells us it is OARBC FALL CONFERENCE TIME. In the center of the clock is a picture of the Memorial Baptist Church where the conference will be held. Numbered around the clock are pictures of those who will have part in the conference. Running clock-wise, they are. . .

- 1 o'clock — Rev. Verne Dunham, Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio. Brother Dunham is Chairman for our Council of Ten.
- 2 o'clock — Rev. Clayton Gray, Director of Alumni and Church Relations of the Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y.
- 3 o'clock — Rev. Earl Willetts, Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio
- 4 o'clock — Rev. Earl Umbaugh, State Missionary for our O.A.R.B.C.
- 5 o'clock — Rev. Nile Fisher, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.
- 6 o'clock — Miss Mona Kemery, Missionary under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism to the Philippines.
- 7 o'clock — Rev. Bruce Stewart, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 8 o'clock — Rev. Don Krueger, Director Christian Education, Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio. During the Conference, Brother Krueger will be in charge of the music.
- 9 o'clock — Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, Bible Teacher, Author, former National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.
- 10 o'clock — Rev. Russell Ebersole, Jr., Missionary at Large for the Philippines, serving under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.
- 11 o'clock — Rev. Joseph Fritz, Calvary Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio.
- 12 o'clock — Rev. Vernon Billington, Conference Host and Pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church.

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Here is a timely article by the Host Pastor of our Fall O.A.R.B.C. Conference, Rev. Vernon K. Billington, Memorial Baptist Church, 2435 Eakin Road, Columbus, Ohio — 43204. Let us remind you to send your reservation for overnight accommodations NOW! The dates of the conference are Oct. 16, 17 and 18. Plan on attending every session. Ours is a precious fellowship. Let us take advantage of it!

The king turned a deaf ear to the experienced politicians and called in the young professions of his regime — men who had “grown up with him” (v. 8). The answer of these young high brows was that of arrogance and self-confidence. “Get tough, they said — what can these people do? Give ‘em the works! Sock ‘em with new taxes. Tell them they haven’t seen anything yet!” (see vs. 8-11).

And such was the message Rehoboam gave Jeroboam and his committee. And thus within a short time, came the division in Israel.

How is such insanity accounted for? Verse 15 gives us the answer in this case, and it may apply to many others. “The king hearkened not unto the people — but *The cause was from the Lord* that he might perform his saying which he spake by Elijah unto Jeroboam.”

There is no excuse for man’s folly, but at the same time, the whole thing was to work out God’s larger purpose, *in this case an ordained judgment for which the nation was ripe.*

Judgments are abroad in the nations today. Boasting man with all his godless schemes to set up “one world”



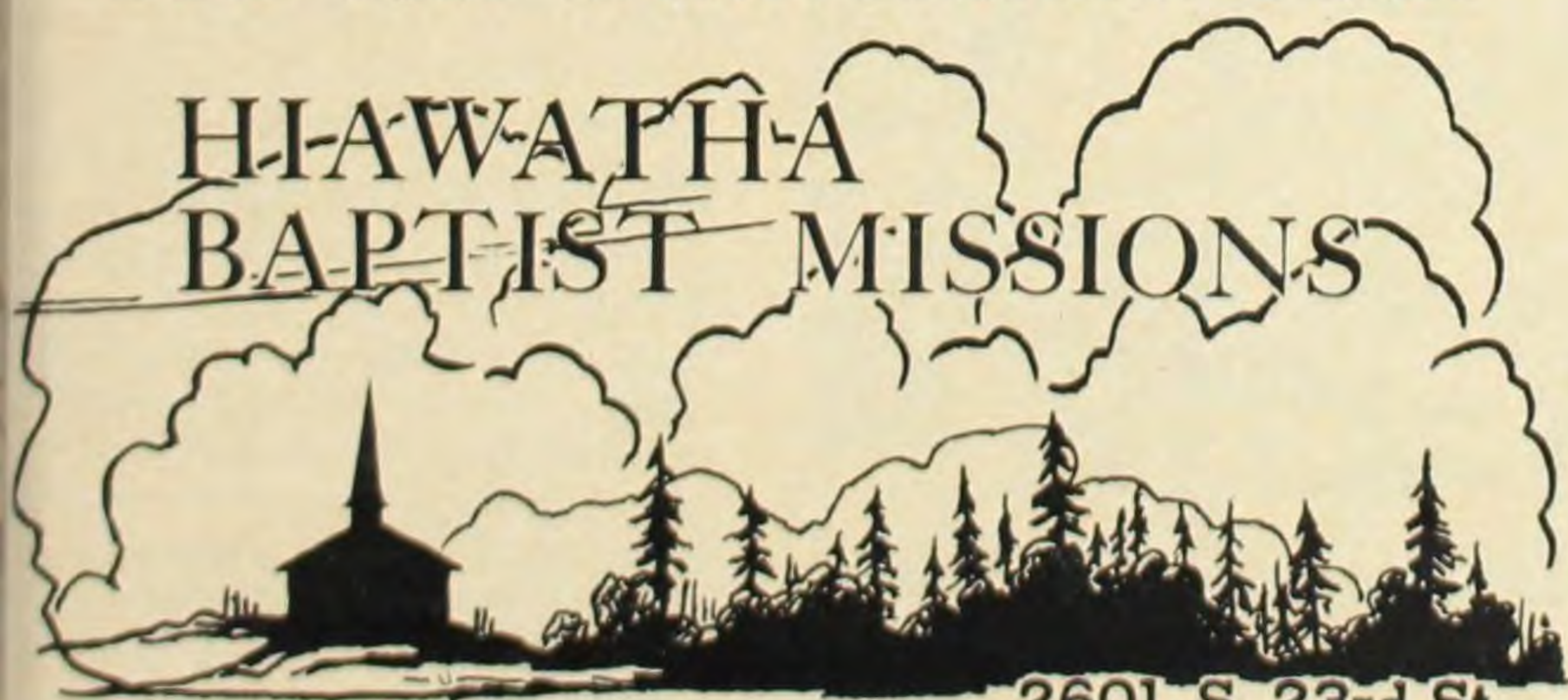
Rev. Vernon K. Billington

is to take to the dens of the mountains before God is through.

We need not expect lighter burdens in the United States. “The sure word of prophecy” tells us what is coming and there is no exemption, except for the company to be raptured in due time. “Look up and lift up your heads: your redemption draweth nigh.” Men are going on to their worst before God’s best arrives.

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## Present With The Lord

Just before sending our copy to the printer for this issue, we learned of the death of Mrs. Walter H. Keisler. She passed away in her sleep the morning of Sept. 9th. The Keislers are well known to many O.I.B. readers, having run articles under the caption — “Beams from the Lighthouse” — which told of their work in Huntington, West Virginia. An article Mrs. Keisler sent us just a few days before going to be with her Lord will appear in next month’s issue. Let us be much in prayer for her husband during these days.



# Book Reviews

by Harrell P. Rice

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON REVELATION — Volume 5 (by W. A. Criswell, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids Michigan, 1966, 183 pages — \$2.95)

In a style which is easy to read and understand, Dr. Criswell presents the final volume in his series on the closing chapters of the book of the Revelation. With obvious Spirit-led insight, the author ably handles such subjects as: The Judgment of God Upon Babylon, The Marriage of the Lamb, The Battle of Armageddon, The Binding of Satan, The Fire of Hell etc. I highly recommend this book to Pastors, Sunday School teachers and interested laymen as an excellent basis for preaching, teaching or the receiving of prophetic information with present day application.

MOUNTAIN PEAKS — (by J. Irving Reese, D.D., J. Irving Reese Publications, 1330½ East Avenue, Elyria, Ohio — 32 pages, \$1.40)

In this booklet-type publication, Dr. Reese presents four expositional Bible messages pertinent to the enrichment of one's spiritual life. The messages herein contained offer a rich source of certainty and security to the believer under varied circumstances. Not only are Mountain Peak experiences presented, but also the means by which these peaks may be attained by every Christian. As you read them permit the Holy Spirit to apply these truths to your life, you can not help but have your daily living effected.

AMOS — A STUDY GUIDE — (by D. David Garland, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1966 — 96 pages).

This paper-back volume is a concise outline study of the man, the message, the meaning and the methods of Amos. With a refreshingly new approach to this Old Testament book, the author sets forth practical studies which are greatly needed in this present-day. The application of Amos to the individual life as well as to the church, causes this book to come alive in the mind and heart of every reader.

## Tele-Bible Time Continues to Grow

Each month, we run a cartoon in the pages of the O.I.B. The artist who draws these is Rev. J. Emerson Russell, Director of the Art Department, Cedarville College. Most graciously, he lets us have these cartoons absolutely free. We appreciate them very much.

The Lord has directed our brother into a ministry through the medium of television. It is called TELE-BIBLE TIME. At first, it began as a 15 minute presentation, but is now a one-half hour production in color running regularly each Sunday on WLW-TV, Dayton, Ohio at 10 a.m.

Other TV stations are becoming interested! Station WYAH-TV in the Portsmouth-Norfolk, Virginia area is now in the process of examining preview promotional tapes. The prospects for acceptance by the Virginia station appear good.

The TELE-BIBLE TIME staff include Prof. Dave Matson of the Music Faculty of Cedarville College. He is Co-ordinator of Music. Dr. John Reed, Chairman of the Division of Languages and Literature at Cedarville College, is Production Co-ordinator. Mr. Russell praises highly these gifted associates who help make TELE-BIBLE TIME an efficient, interesting and Bible-honoring television ministry to the masses of non-churchgoing TV viewers.

Mr. Russell wishes to invite ALL who have a burden for the unsaved to share with him in this ministry. He asks that folk pray that TELE-BIBLE TIME might soon be going forth on still other AVC Broadcasting Corporation stations.

That which has been accomplished thus far has all been of the Lord. There is yet, however, much more land to possess! PRAY!!

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## Struthers Church Blessed of the Lord!

The congregation of the Regular Baptist Church of Struthers, along with their pastor, Rev. A. J. Marsteller, recently gathered beside a beautiful creek for a baptismal service. The Lord gave them a lovely sunny day. Nearby fishermen and others witnessed the service listening to the singing of the Homemakers Quartet.

The church also held a successful Vacation Bible School. A missionary offering was given to Paul Marsteller, the pastor's son, who along with his family are serving the Lord in Brazil.



# Under Attack!

by Dr. John G. Balyo

Christians are always engaged in conflict and are always under attack by Satan. *He attacks them in many ways.* It is not unusual for him to attack God's people *physically*. Did he not attack Job in this fashion? He "afflicted Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head" (Job 2:7.) And in Luke 13:16 we read of Christ saying, "And ought not this woman . . . whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from the bond on the Sabbath day?" Now the Bible does not teach that all physical affliction is caused by Satan. It does teach that sometimes affliction is because of Satan. God therefore must sometimes help us physically in order to aid us spiritually, and He does. There is a remarkable story in the Old Testament about God's prophet of fire, Elijah. Elijah had won a great victory on Mount Carmel. Then, being afraid of the threats of Queen Jezebel he fled for his life. He went a day's journey into the wilderness, sat down under a juniper tree, and requested that he might die. He said, "It is enough now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers." And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree behold then an angel touched him and said unto him, arise and eat. And he looked, and behold, there was a cake baked on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time and touched him and said, arise and eat; because the journey is too much for thee." (I King 19:5, 7.) It is a remarkable thing that God was so concerned about the prophet's physical welfare that he allowed him to sleep, then he gave him something to eat, because God knew that Elijah was so exhausted, so tired, so over-wrought that he must be helped physically before he could face the spiritual problems that were his. God does minister to our bodies. Sometimes, however, He expects us to function in spirit of physical problems. You remember, no doubt, the disciples in Gethsemane. These men were tired. Luke tells us plainly that their eyes were heavy. They had had an exhausting week and they were genuinely tired, but Christ told these men with tired bodies to pray. When

He came back and found them sleeping, He awakened them, then commanded them to pray. He reminded these men that they must not allow the flesh to conquer. They must drive the weak flesh with the willing spirit. There are times when we simply must not give in to physical weakness but must obey God in spite of physical disability. Satan, of course, takes advantage all that he can.



Dr. John G. Balyo

Satan also attacks us *emotionally*. Most of us, I think, are like Lucy. When reminded that life had its ups and downs, she said, "I don't want any downs. I just want ups and ups and ups and ups." Well, we are going to have our ups and downs regardless of what we want. We can't be deliriously happy all the time. Satan knows this and works to discourage us. *If he can discourage us sufficiently he can defeat us completely.* If we give in to our feelings and give up, we are vulnerable everywhere: morally, mentally, spiritually. *He uses many things to discourage us.* For instance, he tries to get us to indulge in self condemnation. He would cause us to accuse ourselves and condemn ourselves so that we have no joy, no power, no victory in the Christian life. In order to escape the peril of self condemnation we must do two things: (1) We must first of all accept God's forgiveness. The Bible teaches that God takes our sins and removes them from us. He puts our sins as far away as the east is from the west. We simply must not live

in the presence of the sin that God has removed. We must not live in a spirit of self accusation and self condemnation. (2) We must be patient with ourselves because God is patient with us. He remembers our frame that we are dust. God knows very well that we are going to grow gradually, not all at once. When you place seeds in the ground you do not expect an immediate harvest. Oh, eventually a great harvest should come but it does not come immediately. All that come up at first are a few blades of grass. Sometimes we Christians look at our own lives and we expect a great harvest immediately. But it takes time to grow, it takes time to develop as a Christian; and we must be patient with ourselves or we shall indulge in self condemnation. We shall become discouraged.

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*Satan would also discourage us by means of self-devaluation.* Satan would tell us that we have no talents, that we are worthless, that we do not amount to anything. He tells us that we cannot make any genuine contribution to the cause of Christ. Isaiah reminded us that God would not break a bruised reed and would not quench smoking flax. Yes, the reed may be bruised but God will not break it and throw it away. There may be but little fire in the flax, it may be only smoking; but God will not put out the little fire there is. God is patient with us, and we therefore must be patient with ourselves.

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*Satan would also discourage us with the problems we face.* We will always have problems. There are problems in our lives, problems in our homes, problems in our world; and we are always going to have problems as Christians. Our difficulties may be like the problem in the Church at Philippi when there was division because two women had engaged in controversy. Paul wrote to this church, and said, "In nothing be anxious; don't be filled with anxiety about anything." When Euodias heard that she might have said, "Well, I have cause for anxiety. Have you heard about Syntyche, she is quite a problem in this church." Syntyche might have said the same thing about Euodias. But the Bible commands, "In nothing be anxious, but in all things, by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto the Lord with thanksgiving and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard our hearts

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## Accepts Call To Florida Church

It is with regret that we bid "farewell" to our brother Ken Houser. He has been most active in the work of our OARBC having helped at Camp Patmos, served as treasurer of Home and Camp and ministered faithfully in two of our churches. The first of these was the Lewis Ave. Baptist Church, Toledo and for the past five years, the First Baptist Church, New London.

Pastor Houser has accepted a call to the Barton Road Baptist Church in Lake Worth, Florida. He began his work there on September 17th. Our prayers go with him. He will be missed! We are confident that the Lord will richly bless his ministry in Florida.

### HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED:

Due to illness, Mr. & Mrs. David Stonebraker have resigned their position of houseparents for the boys. New workers are needed. The work includes many hours of physical work as well as spiritual guidance and instruction to 16 boys from 5 years to 18 years of age.

Contact the Superintendent, Rev. Ernest L. Francis, Baptist Children's Home, RR 1, Kouts, Indiana 46347 for further information.

## A Most Unique Conference on Prophecy

The First Baptist Church, McDonald, Ohio — Rev. Edgar Beckley, Jr., pastor — is planning a Prophetic Bible Conference, October 29 through November 5. There will be two messages nightly throughout the week and one each Sunday evening. These services will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

The unique thing concerning this conference is that there will be twelve different guest speakers. These all are pastors in our OARBC fellowship. Kenneth Romig, Darrell Bice, Warren Lewis, William Davis, Frank Odor, John Yardley, Charles Moore, Kenneth Mack, Thomas Wright, Sr., Raymond Fredericks, Donald Loomis, Andrew Marsteller and Pastor Beckley.

Such themes as "Prophecy as an Evidence of Inspiration of Scripture" — "The Blessed Hope and the Holy Life" — "Will the Church Go through the Tribulation?" — "The Rapture of the Church" — "Russia in the Light of Bible Prophecy" and others will be presented. It is believed that hearts will be blessed through this conference. Folk living in the area ought to plan on attending every session!

### RIDDLE FOR THE MONTH

*I am the seedbed of strife, some basis for envy, and from me mankind reaps a bitter harvest of hate.*

*WHAT AM I?*

## To Sing At Annual Conference!



Pictured here are the Hebron Youth Singers. These young folk, under the direction of Rev. Don Krueger, will be singing at some of the services of our Fall Annual OARBC Conference in Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus.

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## Psalm 14:1

### Applies Here!

The San Francisco Examiner of June 10, 1967 quoted Rev. Ernest Harrison in Max Christensen column: "I am on the staff of an Anglican parish in Toronto. I claim to be a Christian and an Anglican yet I can say in all seriousness, there is no God. . . There never was a God . . . there is no God now . . . and there never will be." And he served as head of the Department of Religious Education for the Anglican Church of Canada and helped produce the Sunday School curriculum for them.

—The Blu-Print

## Strange Breed

### The Seminary Beatniks!

Such was the title of an article by Hildey Ward in the Detroit Free Press of May 6th, describing his visit to one of the seminary students at the Episcopal Theology Seminary in Cambridge, Mass. Ward found a barefoot, long-haired youth who had a picture of Mao in his window, a nude picture on his wall and a hissing screeching out rock'n'roll music. Ward wrote that another seminary student said this room was "pretty conservative." And to think that these "beatniks" are to be future pastors in the Episcopal Church!

—First Baptist, Nil Sunday Bulletin

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# O.A.R.B. PASTORS in PROFILE

We want to thank those who have written this editor expressing their appreciation for our OARB Pastors in Profile page. Your editor would like to express his thanks to those pastors who have returned their questionnaires. Folk like to know about the pastors in our fellowship!



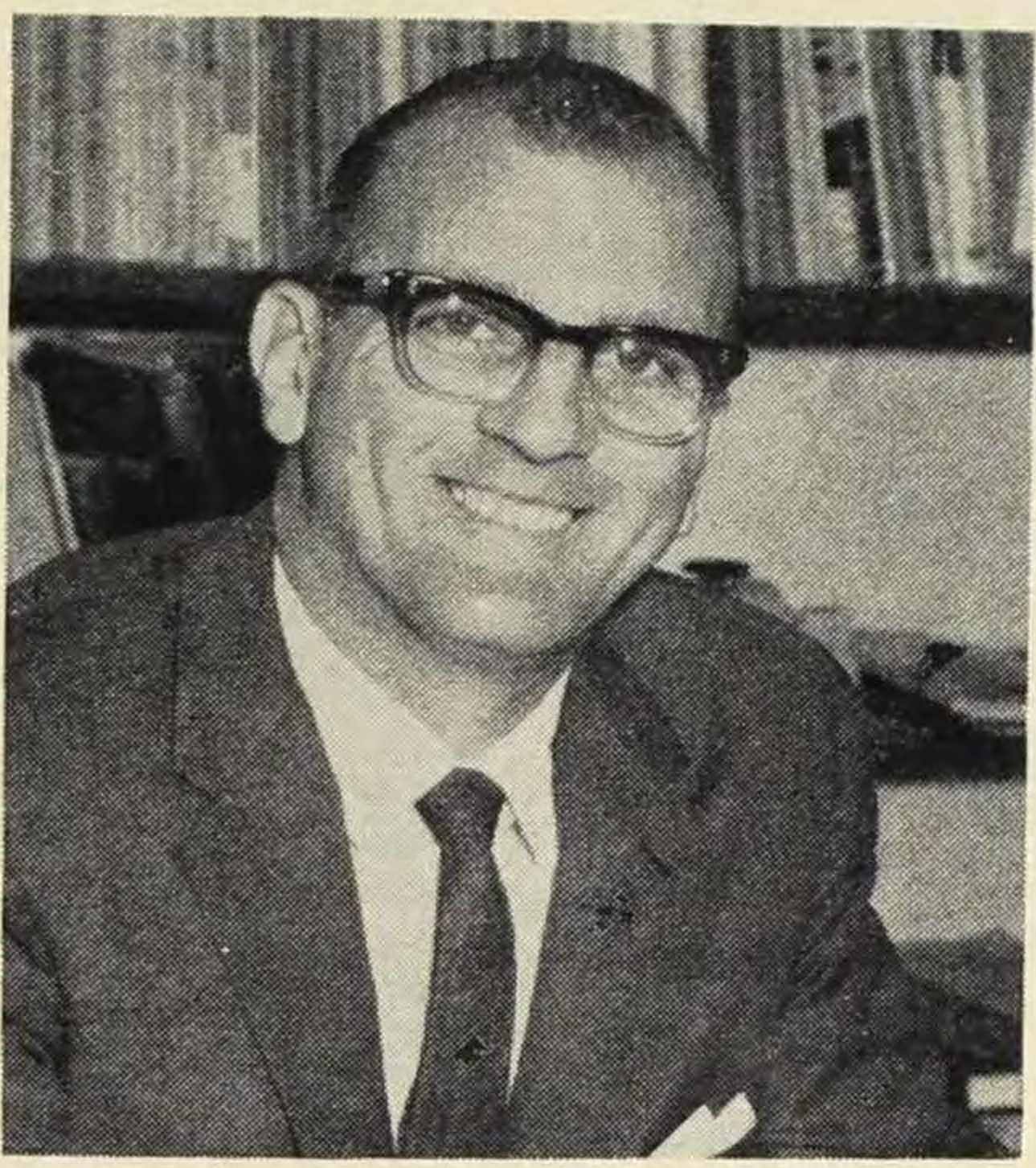
**JOHN R. WOOD** — The opportunity of being saved is extended to people of all ages. Brother Wood was but a lad of ten. He sat one night in the Moody Memorial Church in Chicago listening to the late Dr. Harry Ironsides preach the gospel. He was convinced of sin and later, at the close of the service, was properly dealt with and led to Christ.

Like so many of our OARBC pastors he received his training for Christian service at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

He has pastored in Lapaz, Indiana — Lapeer, Michigan — Ecorse, Michigan and is presently serving in the Calvary Baptist Church of Bellefontaine, Ohio. He has been in his present pastorate for over five years.

Since moving to Bellefontaine, Brother Wood, along with his wife and their son Ronald, age 16, have seen the blessing of God upon their ministry. Shortly after going to Bellefontaine, 27 were baptized in one service and 33 were extended the Right Hand of Fellowship. These are a missionary-minded people having given over \$16,000 to missions in 1966. This amounts to about 40% of the church's total income, \$200

of this is designated specifically for new churches in Ohio plus support of our State Missionary. Presently the Church Building Committee is meeting with a local architect considering plans for a new building. Truly the Lord is blessing in every way!



**JOSEPH C. CHAPMAN, A. B.** After leaving a modernistic church, this dear brother was guided into a gospel-preaching church where he realized that he was a lost sinner. While under deep conviction, he asked his mother how to be saved. Thank God for godly mothers! It was the truth of Ephesians 2:8 and 9 that clinched the matter!

Following a definite call to serve the Lord, he gained his training at Philadelphia College of Bible, King's College and Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Brother Chapman has but three semester hours to complete in order to obtain a B.D. degree. He plans on doing this as the Lord affords him the opportunity.

He has pastored the Bible Protestant Church of Bridgeton, N. J. — the Bible Baptist Church of Cortland, N. Y. — the Danbury Baptist Church of Danbury, Conn. and has for the past two and one-half years ministered at the First Baptist Church of Gallipolis, Ohio.

The Chapmans have three daughters — Judith, Shirley and Dianna and one son — David.

The work at Gallipolis is being blessed of the Lord. His second Sunday there evidenced the working of the Lord in many hearts. Decisions of dedication and re-dedication of life were made. Since that day, many souls have been saved and Christians have been brought into the place of a closer walk with their Lord. Cooperation of all organizations in the Church and Sunday School has been one of the secrets of growth. Plans

are now being made concerning a new building which is so desperately needed!



**GARRISON E. RICE, B.A., B.D.** — Training for the ministry for Brother Rice was gained at three different schools. He is a graduate of Philadelphia College of the Bible, Houghton College and Faith Theological Seminary. It was at the early age of five, through the witnessing of Godly parents, that he gave his heart to Christ.

Following his time of schooling, he served as Founder and Director of Tri-County Youth-time in Lehigh-ton, Penna. He then served as pastor of Grace Chapel in Shamokin, Penna. for a period of three years. Presently he pastors (and has for the past four years) the Bible Baptist Church of Bedford, Ohio.

It is his privilege to serve on the Board of the Baptist Christian School in Cleveland, as well as being Secretary of the Trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute and Secretary-Treasurer of the American Council of Christian Churches for Ohio. Brother Rice is most active in the work of the A.C.C.C. and the International Council of Christian Churches.

The Bedfords have three lovely children. These are Stephen, age 6, Joylene Beth, age 4, and Timothy, a one year old.

In his present pastorate, those who have come to Christ, have done so mainly through personal contact. Many of these have been baptized and are now a part of the local church. The church has gone through a refining process and as a result some have been lost from its membership. This only has tended toward a purer church and a happier one! The early part of this year (1967) the church burned its mortgage. They celebrated their 30th anniversary the last Sunday of June.



## Scholarship Fund Established



A SURPRISE feature of the Rev. Dean Henry's 25th anniversary celebration was presentation of the first four-year scholarship in his name to his son David (left). Others are Mrs. Henry, Mr. Henry and board of deacons at Brown St. Baptist Church.

Whenever the Rev. W. Dean Henry talked about the lack of callings to the ministry, he expressed the wish that something could be done to help potential seminary students financially.

So something was done by the congregation of Rev. Henry's Brown Street Baptist Church.

It came as a surprise to Rev. Henry, 48, but on his 25th anniversary in the ministry and at the church his flock unveiled a continuing \$5,000 four-year scholarship.

Appropriately, the scholarship was named for him and — also appropriately — the first one went to his own son David, 21.

David, a 1963 graduate of Coventry High School and a graduate of Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., will start ministerial training at Dallas Theological Seminary this Fall. He was awarded the scholarship at the church last Saturday, at festivities celebrating his father's anniversary.

In establishing the scholarship, the 350 members of Brown Street Baptist Church obligated themselves to provide up to \$1,250 a year toward tuition, academic fees, required text books, and room and board expenses.

Eligibility is limited to members in good standing of the Brown Street congregation, who have dedicated their lives "to full-time Christian service, and who have been accepted by a seminary, Bible institute or college, or by other approved institutions."

Applicants wanting to concentrate on pastoral and missionary work will be given preference, according to Samuel W. String, a member of the church's board of deacons.

Mr. Henry has been at the Brown Street church since 1942, when he moved to Akron from Altoona, Pa.

. . . Akron Beacon Journal

## Youth Assist Missionaries



Pictured here are the Lewis Ave Baptist Church young people who, along with their sponsors and pastor, Rev. Charles Reed, had the joy of engaging in first-hand missionary service. The following article tells of their experience. This might be a good idea for other youth groups to consider.

Ten Senior young people and sponsors from the Lewis Ave. Baptist Church, Toledo, (Rev. Charles Reed, pastor) conducted a Summer Bible School for a Hiawatha Baptist Mission church in the Upper Peninsula of northern Michigan, July 24-28. This five-day school was held at the Watersmeet Baptist Church where Rev. and Mrs. Albert Stover serve as missionaries.

Pastor Reed was song leader for the group. Mrs. Janet Gillespie and Miss Marsha Loudenslager taught Bible and Missionary stories. Young people in charge of classes and memory work were Debbie Edington, Leroy Edwards, Karen Hardy, Sarah Lane, Eddie and Larry Morrissey, Mike Oberlin, Darlene Peters and Kelly White. Mrs. Reed conducted a Ladies Bible Class for one hour daily. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spieth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oberlin and Pastor and Mrs. Reed.

The trip there and back covered 1300 miles. They took two days going and two returning. Overnight accommodations for the group were had in the Baptist churches of Clare and St. Ignace, Michigan. The cost of the trip was met by the young people themselves along with some help from the Lewis Ave. Church.

During the week they camped out at Federal Forest which is near Watersmeet. They combined their Christian service with sight-seeing and recreation. Nightly campfire sings proved a real inspiration. Everyone enjoyed the week. It proved to be a time of real spiritual blessing. The church at Watersmeet was encouraged through their ministry and have invited them to return next year.

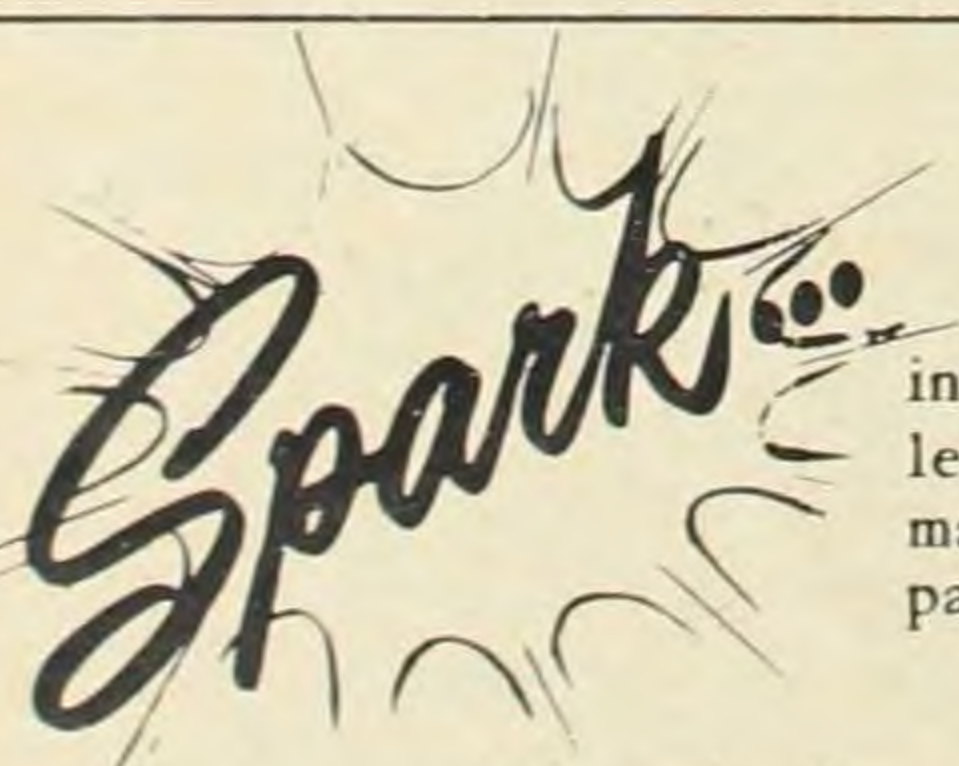
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## Fostoria Church Builds



The Fostoria Baptist Church, Rev. Allan Vine, pastor is moving along in its building program. As of this writing, basement floors have been poured, all first floor joists have been set and walls are being erected. Rapid progress is being made! This building, which will be added to their present structure, will cost \$103,000. Seen above are members of the Building Committee and Pastor Vine.

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## Further Report On Cedarville College Fire

The recent fire at Cedarville College, which completely gutted the offices of President Jeremiah and his secretary, Mrs. Beryl Brown, was far more damaging than first realized. Estimated damage to the Administration Building was \$20,000. Another \$7,500 damage was done to the equipment. Whereas some of this will be reclaimed by insurance, yet much will have to be met through general college expense. Any who feel they would like to help the college meet this added financial burden may mail their gifts to Mr. Kenneth St. Clair, Business Manager, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314. Such gifts would be greatly appreciated!

## Berea Baptist Church Holds Dedication Service

On Thursday evening, July 6, 1967, the Berea Baptist Church of which Rev. Earl Willetts is Pastor, dedicated its new house of worship. A cornerstone laying ceremony preceded the dedication. Rev. Lynn E. Rogers of the Northfield Baptist Church delivered the dedication message. Over 300 members and friends were in attendance. We plan, in a future issue of the Ohio Independent Baptist, to run pictures of this new edifice and give an historical report concerning the background and growth of the church. We want to use it as a front cover design even as we have used other churches in our OARBC fellowship.

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# Teen Talk

by Dave, Doug, and Don

Dear Teen Talk:

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Signed,  
New Christian

Dear New Christian:

Spiritual growth is like physical growth. As a baby is learning to walk, he often stumbles and falls. However, as he grows stronger his problem begins to decrease. We suggest as a new babe in Christ, nourishment from the Word of God. Start with the Gospel of John and allow it to strengthen you in your Christian life. Seek further counsel with your Pastor.

Signed,  
Teen Talk

Dear Teen Talk:

My boyfriend drives like a maniac. I have talked to him, but he is still bad. He is a Christian but it seems to make no difference.

Signed,  
Scared Stiff



Dear Scared Stiff:

Your testimony is at stake, but so is your life! We would never get into the car with a maniac at the wheel and this is our suggestion to you. Lay down the law. Different driving, or different date!

Signed,  
Teen Talk

Dear Teen Talk:

I am in the band at school and enjoy it very much, but our band director swears all the time. I have not said anything because he also has a very bad temper. Should I just quit the band?

Signed,  
Marching

Dear Marching:

According to law, teachers are not allowed to use profanity in any classroom situation, and yet we know that some do. The reason for this is no one objects. You should have your Pastor or parents put the pressure on the principal or School Board to see that this stops. If God's Word can be removed from the classroom by objection so can God's name.

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## Looking For

### A Conference Speaker?

Recently we ran an article concerning Dr. Arthur F. Williams retiring from Cedarville College. Whereas this is true, yet it should be made known that he is still very active in the Lord's work and available for pulpit supply and special meetings. He is an excellent Bible teacher. Pastors would do well having him minister in their churches. He lives at 2186 Drake Drive, Xenia, Ohio — 45385. (Tel. 513-372-0511)

## Wheaton Record Defends Use of Marijuana!

Wheaton College, which was formerly regarded as a fundamentalist school, is one of the leading New Evangelicalist schools of the nation. It will be quite shocking to New Evangelicalist supporters to read the "Wheaton Record" for Nov. 1, 1966 (p. 3), with an article on Marijuana by Dave Nichel, NSA coordinator. He says "There is really no medical reason why marijuana should not be used." He then cited authorities to demonstrate that "marijuana did not damage the brain, was not habit forming and did not induce the user to make the step up to hard forming drugs such as heroin." One would think he was reading some far out magazine from the Berkeley campus in this Wheaton article: "The person high on 'pot' is not trying to escape reality, as is the heroin addict, but to find it by using marijuana to give him a deeper understanding of existence than would be possible through 'normal' means. When high, he is far more sensitive to his environment, and his power to reason and create is far stronger than when he is not smoking the weed. 'As a result of my being high the student will say, 'I know myself better and can more creatively serve my fellow man.' He may be right. The student of the Sixties is desperately trying to find a reason and purpose in existence. The accepted channels of society exhausted, he turns to marijuana and maybe LSD and continues his search." It is absolutely incredible that such junk emanates from a so-called Christian college. The President, Hudson Armerding, was a delegate at the recent Berkeley Conference on ecumenical evangelism. This benevolence toward narcotics is the fruit of New Evangelicalism. — *The Blu-Print*.



# Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Inez Milner — Women's Editor—

Good Morning! No doubt every reader, this October day, has her work cut out for her. Isn't it grand (precious fellowship with Jesus) to be a Christian? It most certainly is! Here is a thought from the Word — "He that believeth on me . . . greater works than these shall he do." John 14:12.

"One's personal service must always seem great. It is great! Wherever the Spirit of the Lord Jesus sways the heart, there is a passion to serve. You must spend and be spent! And yet, we are doing most for man when we go away into the secret place with God. Our direct personal service touches just the one place we are in, but in prayer limitations are gone and I can touch a continent, and then a second continent, and more."

—S. D. Gordon

ANNUAL FALL RALLY of The Women's Missionary Union of our O.A.R.B.C. Fellowship will have their Annual Rally, Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 1:30 p.m. Miss Mona Kemery, missionary under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism to the Philippines, will be guest speaker. This affords all of us a good opportunity to hear her and to attend the other sessions of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches Annual Meeting — October 16, 17 and 18. All meetings are to be held in the Memorial Baptist Church, 2435 Eakin Road, Columbus. Be sure to select three voting messengers from your society! Dime offerings should be sent to Mrs. George O'Keefe, Treas., 1203 Brookview Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44134. We hope to see you in Columbus!

THE FALL RALLY of the Hebron Women's Missionary Union will be held Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m., in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 5046 Broadway, Lorain — 44052. The speaker for the day will be Miss Florence Houck of the Evangelical Baptist Missions. Miss Houck has been working in the Niger Republic. Ladies are requested to

bring their sandwiches and silverware. Dessert and beverage will be served by the host church.

— Mrs. Donald Graham, Secy.

BAPTIST MID-MISSION Tri-annual Conference will be held in the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, 12601 Cedar Rd., Cleveland Hgts., Nov. 11-15. More than 100 missionaries, as well as Council Members and Staff, will be attending. One phase of this conference is the Missionary Cupboard. Women's Societies and individuals are invited to have a part in this endeavor. If you are interested in obtaining a list of items for the Cupboard, please write Mrs. Walter Haller, 270 E. 255th St., Euclid, Ohio — 44132, or Miss Gladys Baines, Baptist Mid-Missions, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland — 44103.

A Women's Symposium is to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 1:15 p.m. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Robert T. Ketcham who, with her husband, recently returned from a trip around the world. On this journey they visited different fields where our missionaries are now working. This will prove to be an inspiring meeting. Plan on attending!

## Favorite Recipe

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2 Bananas, sliced  
After mixing, put into 9 x 13 inch pan and chill.

—Dorothy Helfrick,  
Cedar Hill Baptist Church

## "Counting On You"

"He is counting on you."

He has need of your life in the thick of the strife;

For the weak one may fall if you fail at His call.

He is counting on you if you fail Him — what then?

"He is counting on you."

On a love that will share in His burden of prayer,

For the souls He has bought with His lifeblood;

And sought through His sorrow and pain to win "Home" yet again.

He is counting on you; if you fail Him — what then?

"He is counting on you."

On life, money and prayer; and "the day shall declare"

If you let Him have all in response to His call;

Or if He is in that day to your sorrow must say,

"I had counted on you, but you failed Me — what then?"

"He is counting on you."

Oh! the wonder and grace, to look Christ in the face

And not be ashamed, for you gave what He claimed,

And you laid down your all for His sake — at His call.

He had counted on you, and you failed not — what then?

—Bessie Porter Head

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# "Armstrongism" . . .

## A Warning!

by Dr. Robert T. Ketcham

Turn on your radio and dial most any station and sooner or later you will run into Herbert W. Armstrong or his son, Garner Ted Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong's radio program is called "The World Tomorrow." His magazine is called The Plain Truth. Because one hears a message from him today that seems to be as sound as the Bible itself, multiplied thousands conclude that he is a safe preacher to follow. However, on his very next message he may go off on one of his many tangents of wild claims for himself and total distortions and denials of the truths of the Scriptures. For the most part his messages and articles are a conglomeration of just about every error rampant in this confused world. His annual budget is reported to be around eight million dollars.

The purpose of this word of warning about Mr. Armstrong is to alert the people of God who seem to be unable to detect his error. Several pastors have told me that they find Mr. Armstrong's magazine in the homes of the members of their churches. Just why this blasphemous literature should find acceptance in a Baptist home is hard to understand. No doubt much of his eight million dollar income is donated by these same Baptists.

We list here just a few of Mr. Armstrong's wild claims and blasphemous teachings.

1. He holds that nothing of any importance in church realms happened on this earth from A.D. 70 to January 1, 1934.

2. He holds that on that date Herbert W. Armstrong came upon the scene and started "The Radio Church of God." He says that his Radio Church of God is the only true church since A.D. 70. If this be true then every church, every missionary advance, and all else during these eighteen and one-half centuries is a false church and a false message!

3. Herbert W. Armstrong demands that his followers keep the old Jewish Passover.

4. Herbert W. Armstrong demands that His followers keep the Jewish Saturday Sabbath.

5. Herbert W. Armstrong is what is known as a "British Israelite." He holds that Great Britain and the United States are the ten lost tribes of Israel!

6. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that Jesus Christ had to be born again.

7. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that present-day believers are not yet born again. They are "conceived" but they will not be "born" again until they get to heaven.

8. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that men are saved by believing in the future "government" of God.

9. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that we are saved by keeping the law.

10. Herbert W. Armstrong has no place in his teachings for "the Name of Jesus."

11. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that God planned to wreck His creation by sin.

12. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that we will eventually become God.

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This ought to chase The Plain Truth magazine out of every Baptist home. The only thing that is "plain" about it is that it is plainly NOT the truth.

We have confined our remarks to listing only a few of Mr. Armstrong's wild teachings. For full and documented disclosure of his blasphemies, we urge every reader to secure two very helpful books.

Herbert W. Armstrong and His World Tomorrow, by Dr. Noel Smith, Box 106, Springfield, Mo., Price: \$1.

Herbert W. Armstrong — A False Prophet, by Dr. Robert L. Sumner. Published by Sword of the Lord Publishers, Box 1099, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Price: 10¢

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The program is offered to us by Mr. David H. Speer, a born-again Christian, and long-time member of the First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan. Mr. Speer handles all of the administrative details of this plan, such as taking enrollments, monthly premium collections and payment of claims.

Although this article can't give complete details regarding the benefits available under this program, this much can be said: there is a maximum of \$5,000 of life insurance on the pastor or other employee, which is sold at low group rates. Of most interest, of course, is the basic Hospital and Medical coverage, which pays for Room and Board, Hospital extras and Doctors. It also pays 100% of all medical expenses due to an accident, whether in or out of a hospital, up to \$2,000. In addition it includes a \$50 Diagnostic X-ray and Lab benefit, when you are not hospitalized.

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and minds through Christ Jesus." We need not be discouraged because of problems and difficulties; We can learn to experience the peace of God as we commit our problems to the Lord.

*Sometime the problem that faces you is one of bereavement. Your world of love has exploded. Everything you have known in the way of emotional security has been taken from you, and you feel that you will never smile again. Satan would discourage you, try to get you to believe that life is not worth living any longer; but we must not be problem-conscious. We must be God conscious! Problems are very real but our God is very real also. He does not want us to live in discouragement.*

*Sometimes Satan tempts us to self-pity. He would cause us to feel sorry for ourselves. A man like that wrote Psalm 73 in the Psalter. He said, "As for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped." He almost stumbled because he was envious of the foolish when he saw the prosperity of these foolish, wicked people in the world. He looked around, and he said they were not in trouble as other people were; they were not plagued like other folk; and they were arrogant, they were proud, they were haughty, they were wicked! As for me, he said, I have cleansed my heart for nothing, I've washed my hands and cleansed my heart and tried to serve God, and all I have gotten out of it was chastening from the Lord." All the day long have I been plagued and chastened every morning." Well, here was a man who was feeling sorry for himself. He was going out in the garden and eat worms. The world was all against him. Even God was against him, he felt. Thus he was greatly discouraged. Satan delights in getting us to see the things from the wrong perspective and cause us to indulge in self pity.*

*Sometimes the problem that discourages us is fear. We don't know what is going to happen. We are like the apostle Paul at Corinth. He had suffered persecution everywhere he had gone on his first missionary journey. When he arrived at Corinth he was tired of beatings and persecutions; and God had to encourage him.*



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*Perhaps you have been discouraged because of people. It is inevitable that some people will disappoint you and some people will injure you. Now you can allow Satan to use these experiences to discourage you and cause you to quit. There are people out of church today because somewhere along the line they allowed people to stumble them. They were disappointed in somebody. Somebody injured them and, because of that, they became discouraged and quit. The Bible says, "Fret not thyself because of evil-doers." Evil-doers there will always be. But the evil-doers cannot fret us, we fret ourselves. We allow ourselves to become disturbed and upset. We could trust God in the hour of disappointment. We could lean heavily upon the Lord in the hour of injury; and we could be proof against the attacks of Satan. You see, the Bible speaks of the wiles of Satan; he has stratagems, he has wiles, he has all kind of deceits, and he is always tempting us. But we need not be discouraged, we need not be defeated. Our God is sufficient and He can make us sufficient. We are told to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand; and instead of going down, we can stand! Instead of being flat on our faces we can be standing erect in total victory as we are strong in the Lord and in*

the power of His might. Now this is addressed to Christians, and you may not know Jesus Christ at all. You are in the wrong army; you are on the wrong side. Christ said, "If you are not for me, you are against me." So you are either in the army of Christ as a Christian soldier or you are in the wrong army, you are on the wrong side, and you are facing eventual defeat.

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## Glimpses of Truth

from the

### Greek New Testament

By Dr. Geo. Lawlor

#### "APOSTASY"

The word "apostasy" is a key-word in our time. Some people scoff at it, some become indignant over it, others smile when it is mentioned and shrug it off, still others react impatiently to it, and many more do not even know what it means. Some, more aware of its awful portent and insidiousness, realize that it is a Scriptural term which characterizes the times in which we live, and understand the significance of its relation to current religious movements and theological trends and the world-wide ecumenical move for church union in our day.

Paul wrote to Timothy as recorded in I Timothy 4:1, and said in a most significant statement which the Apostle declared to be the explicit utterance of the Holy Spirit: "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith. . ." The verbal expression "shall depart from" is the translation of the Greek verb *aphisteimi*, which means: "to stand away from," and from which the term "apostasy" is derived. The words "the faith" show clearly what it is from which men and women will depart. The Apostle instructed the Thessalonian believers that the Day of the Lord will not come upon the Church "except there come (the) falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed. . ." (II Thess. 2:3). The words "falling away" are the rendering of the noun form of *aphisteimi*, the Greek *apostasia*, in the English — "apostasy." The events of the Day of the Lord will not take place until a great religious apostasy has swept the world, and the personal antichrist emerges into world view.

#### Found in O. T. Scriptures

The background and substance of the word "apostasy" (*apostasia*) are found in the Septuagint Version of the Old Testament Scriptures. In Deut. 7:1-4, God issues instructions to His covenant people concerning marriage of their sons and daughters, and warns that they shall not intermarry with the peoples then inhabiting the land, and states: "For they (the pagan inhabitants) will turn away thy son from following me. . ." Here is the verb *aphisteimi*, and the meaning is clear. Joshua 22:22-23a

is even more forceful. In connection with Achan's sin, certain of the people said to the heads of Israel: "The Lord God of gods. . . He knoweth, and Israel He shall know; if it be in rebellion . . . against the Lord, That we have built us an altar to turn from following the Lord. . ." Both the noun (vs. 22) and the verb (vs. 23a) are used in this striking passage to describe apostasy as being a revolt against the one and only true God and a deliberate refusal to follow Him.

In the papyri, we read of certain "insurgents" (*apostatais*) being fortified in a city against whom a noted general with strong forces is sailing up the Nile to reduce. There is also the record of the burning of certain title-deeds by some Egyptian "rebels" (*apostaton*). The Church Fathers used both noun and verb and certain other related forms of the word to describe a religious rebellion, turning away from truth to error, a defection from the Holy Scriptures, departure from the Christian faith and from Christ Himself. They used these terms to describe a schism, secession, renunciation of vows, absence from a Christian service, divorce, and even a priest's escape from a monastery.

#### Departure From the Truth

The meaning in Hebrews 3:12 is clear: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from (*aposteinai*) the living God." According to Acts 21:21, Paul was accused by his enemies of teaching the Jews to forsake (*apostasian*) Moses. The Apostle, having warned Timothy of the apostasy from the true faith (I Tim. 4:1-2), then characterizes the apostate masses (II Tim. 3:1-5), and imparts a final instruction to Timothy concerning them in II Tim. 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts, having itching ears, shall they heap to themselves teachers; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

An apostate then, is one who, in the face of divine revelation, deliberately and determinedly turns away from the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and engages himself with fables, fictions, and falsehoods. He refuses personal allegiance to the true Christian faith, rejects the Lord Jesus Christ, and turns the grace of God into license, while still professing Christianity and holding to a form of godliness. An apostate continues to

claim Christian faith after rejecting it and turning from the one Person in whom it is centered. Apostates are members of the clergy without Christ and their hosts of followers likewise without Christ. Apostates are the ecumenicists, the heads of denominations interested in church union and merger with other religious bodies. They are the neo-liberals, the neo-orthodox existentialists, the God-I-Dead faddists, and the New Morality experts. They are the thousands of National and World Council preachers who receive great numbers of men and women into church membership without any genuine confession of faith. They are the ecumenical leaders, scholars, and scientists, with whom the New Evangelicals are becoming too friendly and for whom they show a pronounced affinity. The apostates are religionists whose carnal minds are absorbed by the great dream of the one world-church. "They are the ones who separate themselves sensual, not having the Spirit (Jude 19).

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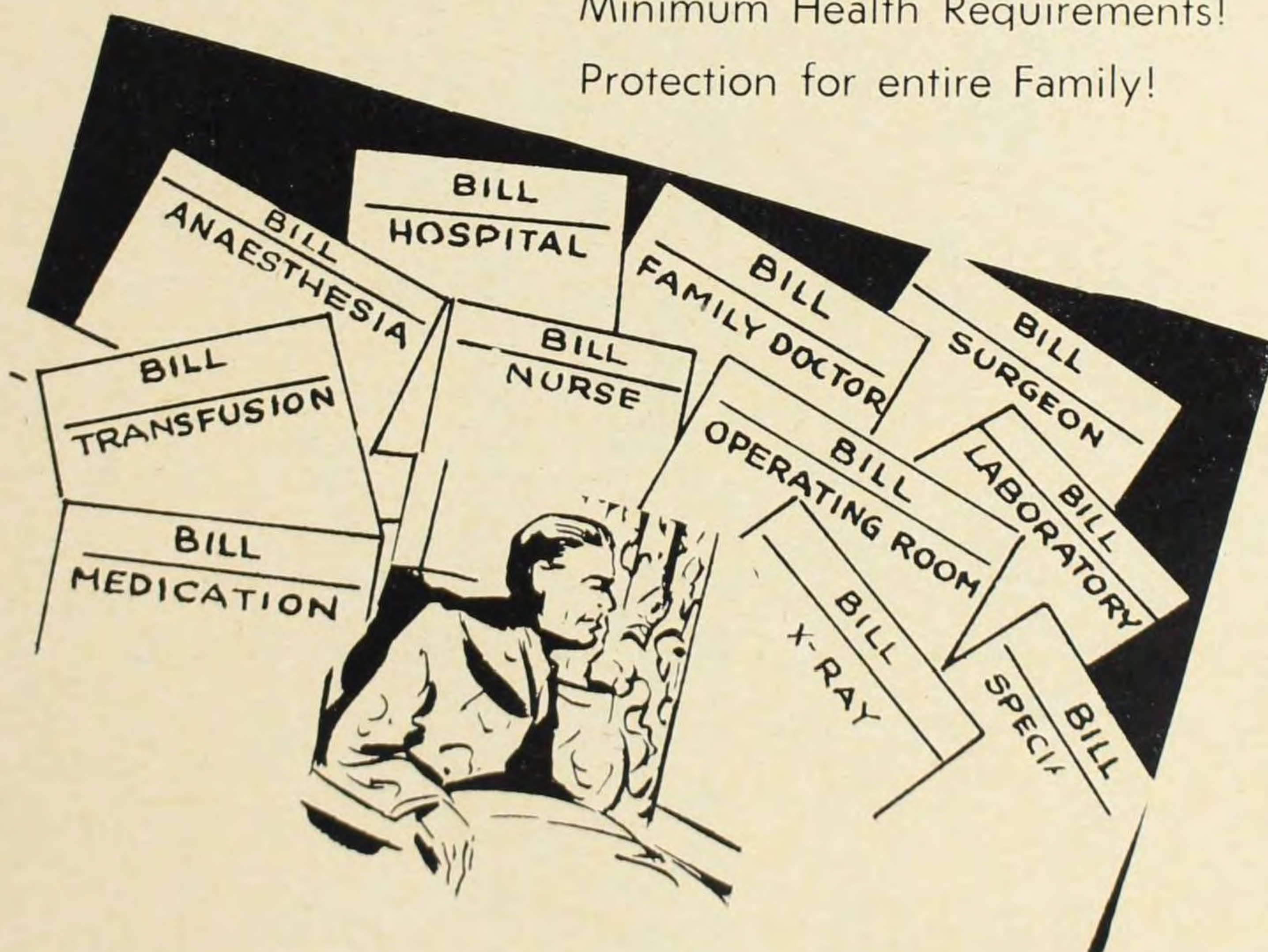
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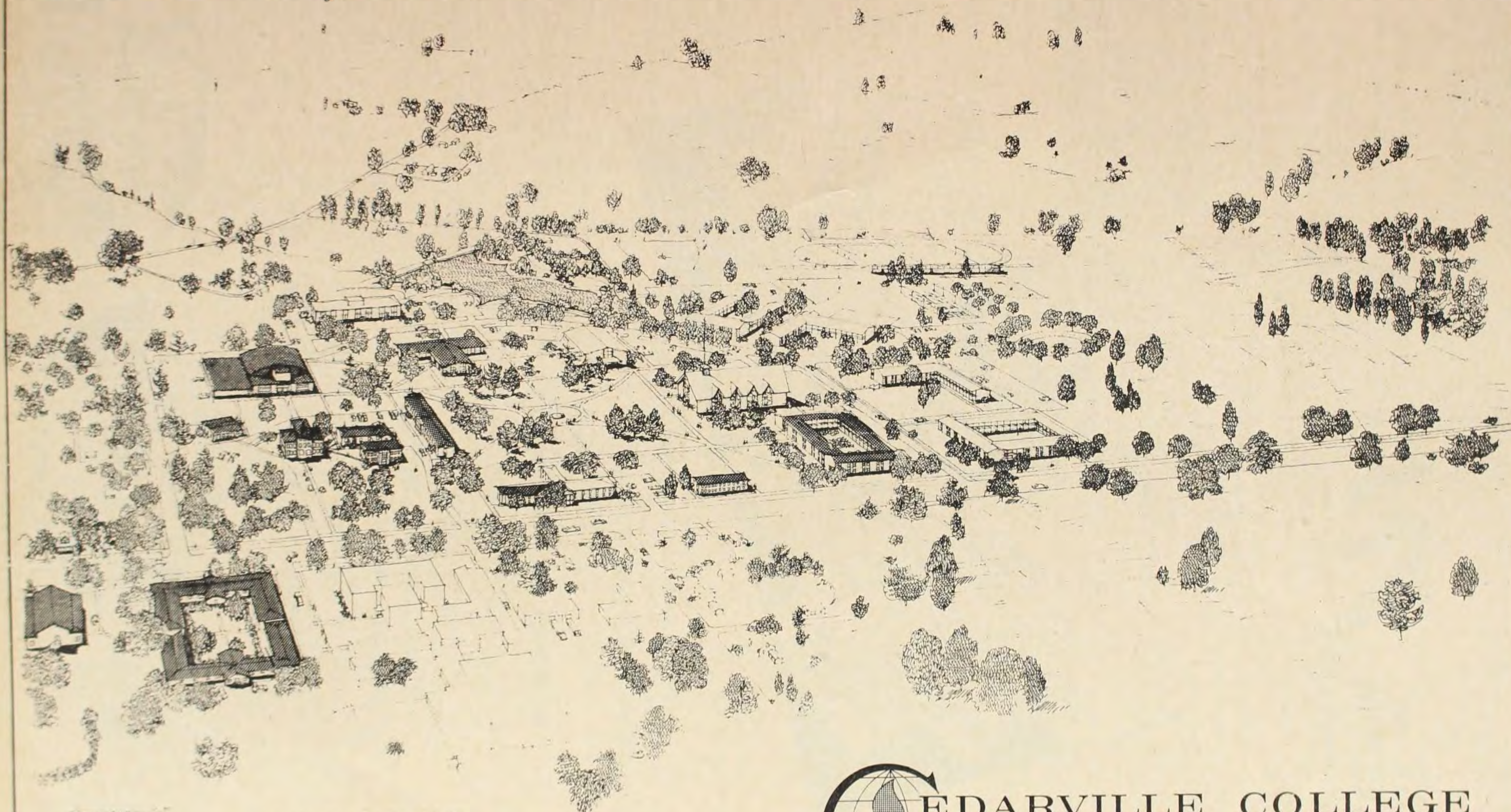
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